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SUBJ: MAY 15 DPC: UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

REF: A. USNATO 1297; B. USNATO 2578; C. USNATO 2663; D. STATE 048404;
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1. DURING MAY 15 DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DPC) PERMREPS DISCUSSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, SYG LUNS CITED AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S (US) MARCH 7 REQUEST THAT DEFENSE MINISTERS RELEASE AN UNCLASSIFIED EXTRACT OF THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT (REF A) AND SAID THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAD CIRCULATED A REVISED VERSION WHICH THE DEFENSE REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) WILL DISCUSS MAY 16 (REFS B AND C). SYG LUNS EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SEVERAL DELEGATION' APPARENT RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT PUBLIC CIRCULATION OF SUCH A DOCUMENT. HE REMINDED PERMREPS OF THE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT PUBLICS AND PARLIAMENTS HAD ACCORDED THE AD-70 PROGRAM AFTER LEARNING ABOUT IT FROM UNCLASSIFIED NATO PUBLICATIONS.

2. AMBASSADOR BRUCE (US) ENDORSED SYG LUNS' REMARKS, SAYING THAT NATO MUST EITHER PROVIDE PUBLICS AND PARLIAMENTS WITH A CONFIDENTIAL

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COMPELLING REATIONALE FOR PRESENT AND LONGER TERM ALLIANCE DEFENSE EFFORTS OR PLACE THESE EFFORTS IN JEOPARDY. HE SAID NATO HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM RESPONSIBLE, PUBLIC SCRUTINY OF ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN FORTHCOMING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT WHICH BOTH

REPRESENT "PROFOUND APPRAISALS" BY ALL ALLIED GOVERNMENTS AND PROVIDE A "COMPREHENSIVE BASIS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE ALLIANCE DEFENSE EFFORTS." HE DESCRIBED THE MOST RECENT INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AS "EXCELLENT" AND SAID NATO WOULD MAKE A "GREAT MISTAKE" BY WITHHOLDING SUCH INFORMATION FROM THOSE WHO ULTIMATELY PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE ALLIANCE.

3. AMBASSADOR SVART (DENMARK) ASKED SYG LUNS WHY HE HAD RAISED THIS ISSUE; LUNS RESPONDED THAT HIS COMMENTS WERE SIMPLY A "HOMILY." SVART SAID HE COULD ACCEPT THE "HOMILY," BUT IMPLIED THAT DENMARK REMAINED OPPOSED TO AN UNCLASSIFIED VERSION OF MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.BRUCE

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